THE BRITISH AUTOMOBILE RACING CLUB



Entry Fees

Every year, most competitors expect entry fees to rise, and 2005 will be no exception to this.

However, most competitors will immediately notice a slightly larger than normal increase in the base level entry fee, which at £10:00 is higher than the current level of inflation. There are three reasons for this:

Firstly, there is another significant 'hike' in insurance premiums for 2004. This will account for a good proportion of the increase. Next, there is another increase in circuit hire charges of between 5% at one end, and 12.5% at the other. Finally, there are inflation rate increases in virtually every other cost associated with organising a race meeting.

However, the base level 'club' entry fee (which for clarification purposes will be £165:00 in 2005), is only part of the picture. Certain Championships have race formats which exceed the *norm* of 15 minutes practice and a 10 / 12 lap race of the circuit and these have to be charged for accordingly. These entry fees have also had to be increased, and this has been done proportionally.

Competitors should also note that in line with practices of the last couple of years, there is a £20:00 additional supplement, payable on club meetings organised at Silverstone, Brands Hatch and Donington Park and £10:00 for Oulton Park. These are the most expensive venues to hire but conversely, the number of BARC events held there are very few. Accordingly, it would be unfair to raise the base level entry fee even further to cover, as it would affect every competitor, whether they go to these venues or not.

The BARC are not unsympathetic to the views of competitors and have tried very hard to keep all of these increases to the barest possible minimum. We hope that you will understand.

May we take this opportunity to wish you a safe, successful and enjoyable 2005 season.

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